AUG 0 4 2003 SS

Atty. Docket No. 42390P10597

#9 PATENT 9-1203

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Christopher J. Spiegel
Application No. 09/751,545
Filed: December 30, 2000
For: Updating a File in a Fragmented File System

Examiner: Chen, Te Y.

Art Unit: 2171

ALIE 0 6 2003

Confirmation No.: 7429

Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 3, 2003, for which a three-month response period expiring on July 3, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on August 3, 2003.

A check for \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

08/05/2003 EELORES 00000139 09571545

01 FC:1251

110.00_8P

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN

Dated: $\frac{7}{3}$, 2003

Kevin G. Shao Reg. No. 45,095

12400 Wilshire Boulevard Seventh Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026 (408) 720-8300

08/06/2003 EFLORES 00000002 09751545

01 FC:1251

110.00 OP

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

on JULY 3 , 2003

Apate of Deposit OVEN

Name of Parson Mailing Correspondence

Signature Date